

Livingston	Pastor	Smith (MI)
LoBiondo	Paxon	Smith (OR)
Lucas	Pease	Smith (TX)
Luther	Peterson (MN)	Smith, Adam
Maloney (CT)	Peterson (PA)	Smith, Linda
Maloney (NY)	Petri	Snowbarger
Manton	Pickering	Souder
Manzullo	Pickett	Spence
Markey	Pitts	Spratt
Martinez	Pombo	Stabenow
Mascara	Pomeroy	Stark
Matsui	Porter	Stearns
McCarthy (MO)	Portman	Stenholm
McCarthy (NY)	Poshard	Stokes
McCollum	Price (NC)	Strickland
McCrery	Pryce (OH)	Stump
McDade	Quinn	Stupak
McGovern	Radanovich	Sununu
McHale	Ramstad	Talent
McHugh	Rangel	Tanner
McInnis	Redmond	Tauzin
McIntosh	Regula	Taylor (MS)
McIntyre	Reyes	Taylor (NC)
McKeon	Riley	Thomas
McNulty	Rivers	Thompson
Meehan	Rodriguez	Thornberry
Menendez	Roemer	Thune
Metcalf	Rogan	Thurman
Mica	Rogers	Tiahrt
Millender-	Rohrabacher	Tierney
McDonald	Ros-Lehtinen	Towns
Miller (FL)	Rothman	Traficant
Mink	Roukema	Turner
Moakley	Roybal-Allard	Upton
Molinari	Royce	Velazquez
Mollohan	Ryun	Visclosky
Moran (KS)	Sabo	Walsh
Morella	Salmon	Wamp
Murtha	Sanchez	Watkins
Myrick	Sanders	Watt (NC)
Nadler	Sandlin	Watts (OK)
Neal	Sanford	Waxman
Nethercutt	Sawyer	Weldon (FL)
Neumann	Saxton	Weldon (PA)
Ney	Scarborough	Weller
Northup	Schaefer, Dan	Wexler
Norwood	Schaffer, Bob	Weygand
Nussle	Schumer	White
Oberstar	Sensenbrenner	Whitfield
Olver	Serrano	Wicker
Ortiz	Sessions	Wise
Owens	Shaw	Wolf
Oxley	Shays	Woolsey
Packard	Shimkus	Wynn
Pallone	Shuster	Young (AK)
Pappas	Skeen	Young (FL)
Parker	Skelton	
Pascrell	Slaughter	

## NAYS—33

Blumenauer	LaHood	Payne
Bonior	Lewis (GA)	Pelosi
Campbell	Lofgren	Rahall
Conyers	McDermott	Scott
Dingell	McKinney	Skaggs
Farr	Meek	Snyder
Hamilton	Miller (CA)	Tauscher
Harman	Minge	Torres
Hastings (FL)	Moran (VA)	Vento
Hilliard	Obey	Waters
LaFalce	Paul	Yates

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Delahunt

## NOT VOTING—23

Becerra	Gejdenson	Rush
Bilbray	Gibbons	Schiff
Brown (OH)	Gilman	Shadegg
Coburn	Hunter	Sherman
Cox	Lantos	Sisisky
Dellums	LaTourette	Smith (NJ)
Edwards	Lowey	Solomon
Frost	Riggs	

## □ 1809

Mr. LAHOOD and Mr. MORAN of Virginia changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, on June 25, on rollcall No. 236, I inadvertently voted "yes." I intended to vote "no."

Mr. Speaker, on June 25, 1997, on rollcall vote 236 on H.R. 1119, the Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, I inadvertently voted "yea." It was my intention to vote "no" on the bill.

I have consistently voted against increasing defense spending, especially since the end of the cold war, when our Nation faces its biggest threat, not from outside our shores, but from the impending fiscal disaster that awaits our country.

H.R. 1119 was a \$2.6 billion increase over last year and included items that we either do not need nor can not be justified by objective analysis.

H.R. 1119 included \$331 million for advanced procurement of additional B-2 bombers. The CBO estimates that the additional bombers would cost \$27 billion over the next 20 years. This is for nine planes that neither the President, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, or the Secretary of the Air Force requested nor wants. I voted for an amendment to redirect this money for the use of the National Guard and Reserve, but it failed.

The bill included other questionable weapons systems. It provides \$661 million for the V-22 and \$469 million for the joint strike fighter.

While the House debated the Defense bill, our troops were still in Bosnia without any effective exit date. The House defeated an amendment to set the initial deadline for withdrawal by December 31, 1997. We need to bring our troops home from Bosnia and turn the mission over to our European allies.

H.R. 1119 contained many of the same provisions of past bills that I have voted against.

Mr. Speaker, please let the record reflect that I intended to vote "no" on H.R. 1119.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on rollcall vote 246 on today's vote. Had I been here, I would have voted "aye."

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill (H.R. 1016), making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 178 and rule

XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2016.

## □ 1813

## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2016) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read for the first time.

The gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD] and the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. HEFNER] each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. PACKARD].

## □ 1815

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Let me proceed by informing all the Members that the rules require a record vote on final passage of this bill. Some have inquired.

Mr. Chairman, I want to begin by saying what a pleasure it has been for me to work with the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. HEFNER]. We have crafted this bill, I think, to be very attractive to all the Members of the Congress.

This is a military construction bill, and our primary concern in this bill was that we address this very serious problem with quality-of-life issues, family housing, barracks, hospitals, day-care centers, and the like. This bill includes \$9,183,000,000. This is within the 602(b) allocations. It represents a \$610 million reduction from last year's appropriated levels. This is a 6 percent reduction. So we want Members of the House to know that this bill is cutting, not raising, the cost of Government.

The Members recognize that this addresses, as I have mentioned, the quality-of-life issues. We recommend that an additional \$800 million above and beyond the request in the President's budget be devoted to improving the troop housing, family housing, child day-care centers. This adds up to \$752 million in barracks, troop housing; \$28 million in child day-care centers; \$146 million in hospital and medical facilities; \$104 million in environmental compliance on our bases; \$1 billion for new housing and improvement of existing housing; and over \$3 billion of the bill is in operation and maintenance of existing inventory. Twenty-three percent of the bill, or \$2.1 billion, is for downsizing DOD's infrastructure, in other words, the base realignment and closure program.

Again, I want to express my deep appreciation to the staff, to the members